

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

QUANTAUS MARION,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 8:05CR58

TENTATIVE FINDINGS

The Court has received the Presentence Investigation Report (“PSR”) and the parties’ objections thereto (Filing Nos. 33, 34). See "Order on Sentencing Schedule," ¶ 6. The Court advises the parties that these Tentative Findings are issued with the understanding that, pursuant to *United States v. Booker*, 2005 WL 50108 (U.S. Jan. 12, 2005), the sentencing guidelines are advisory.

The parties have both objected to ¶ 21, which included a 2-level upward adjustment for possession of a dangerous weapon. The plea agreement states that no dangerous weapon was possessed during the offense, and the government asserts in its objections that it lacks evidence connecting the Defendant to the weapon, noting that two other persons were present during the search of the residence where the gun was found. The Court's tentative findings are that, absent unusual circumstances, the plea agreement should be upheld and the objections to ¶ 21 should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The parties' objections (Filing Nos. 33, 34) to the PSR are granted;
2. The parties are notified that my tentative findings are that the PSR is correct in all other respects;

3. If **any** party wishes to challenge these tentative findings, the party shall file, as soon as possible but in any event before sentencing, and serve upon opposing counsel and the court a motion challenging these tentative findings, supported by (a) such evidentiary materials as are required (giving due regard to the requirements of the local rules of practice respecting the submission of evidentiary materials), (b) a brief as to the law, and (c) if an evidentiary hearing is requested, a statement describing why an evidentiary hearing is necessary and an estimated length of time for the hearing;

4. Absent submission of the information required by paragraph 3 of this order, my tentative findings may become final;

5. Unless otherwise ordered, any motion challenging these tentative findings shall be resolved at sentencing.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2005.

BY THE COURT:

S/ Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge